



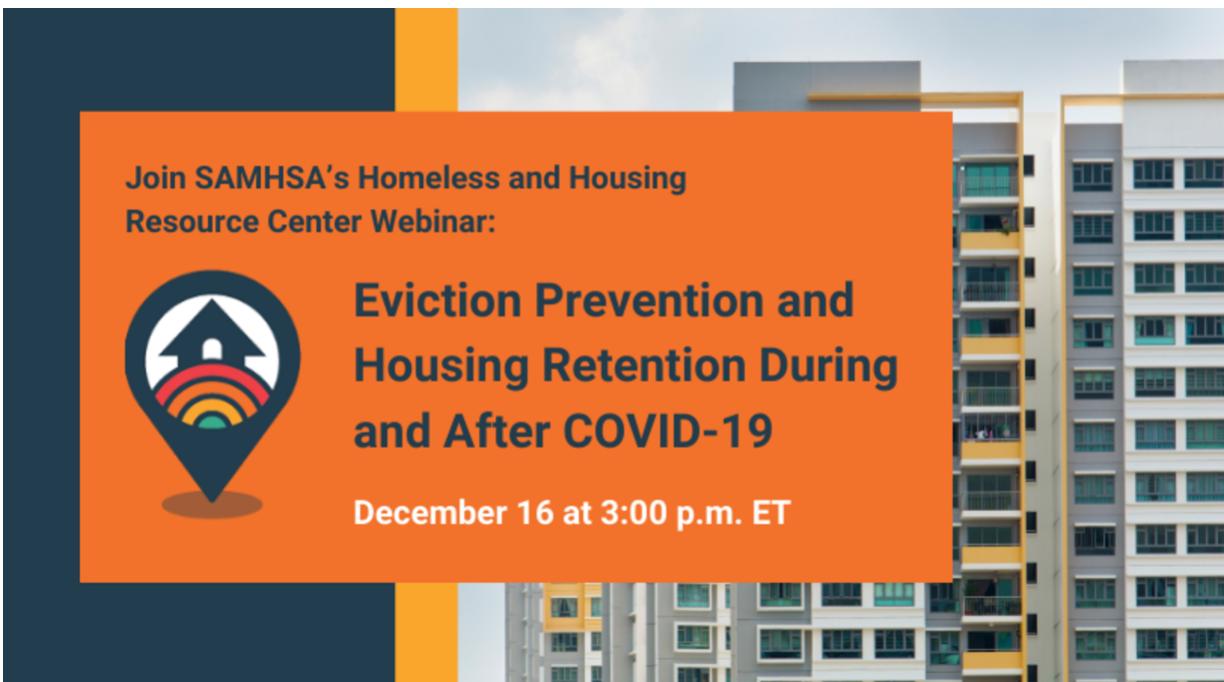
Homeless and Housing Resource Center Launch and Webinar

Policy Research, Inc. is pleased to announce the launch of the [Homeless and Housing Resource Center](#) (HHRC). HHRC, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, works in partnership with national experts in homelessness, mental health, and substance use services to develop up-to-date, comprehensive toolkits, webinars, and self-paced online trainings. HHRC provides training on housing and treatment models focused on adults, children, and families who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders.



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To stay in touch with HHRC and to hear the latest news, events, and resources, sign up for the [HHRC email list](#). Be sure to join HHRC on its first national webinar, being held December 16, 2020!



HHRC Webinar: Eviction Prevention and Housing Retention During and After COVID-19

December 16, 2020, 3:00–4:30 p.m. ET

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to economic hardship and housing instability for millions of Americans. With eviction moratoria expected to expire at the end of 2020, individuals and families are at risk of losing their housing. Join SAMHSA's HHRC to explore strategies for eviction prevention and housing retention. Participants will hear from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs leadership, an experienced housing attorney, and local Continuum of Care leadership about implementing data-informed, targeted prevention efforts that prioritize racial equity and will learn strategies that can be implemented now to prevent future housing instability when the moratoria expire.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Quarterly Impact: July to September 2020

Policy Research is pleased to release its impact report for quarter 3 of 2020. Each quarter, Policy Research publishes this document spotlighting our work across the country via our technical assistance centers, projects, and fee-for-service activities. Highlights of the July-to-September reporting period include the following:

- Reached 11,760 people through 158 virtual meetings and events
- Hosted 27 trainings, training 921 people
- Facilitated 18 site and technical assistance visits with 577 attendees
- Released 43 public products to the field

Read the full quarter 3 impact report for more on the following featured topics:

- Virtual Policy Academies to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families
- SAMHSA's GAINS Center Hosts Four Communities of Practice to Advance Strategic Planning in Local Communities
- PRA Well-Being Releases *Take Charge!* Workbook



[Download the Quarter 3 Impact Report](#)

Planning and Implementation Opportunity: SAMHSA's GAINS Center Accepting Applications for Criminal Justice Communities of Practice

Application deadline: December 16, 2020

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, operated by Policy Research Associates, is convening four topical Communities of Practice (CoPs) to work intensively with select communities on the following topics:



- Building a Competent Crisis Care System at Intercepts 0-1
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Reentry
- Engaging Clients for Successful Reentry
- Effectively Identifying and Treating Justice-Involved Individuals With Polysubstance Use Disorder

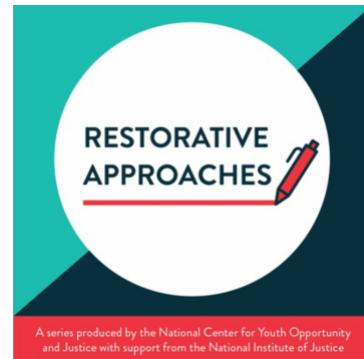
Each CoP brings together local jurisdiction teams to create coordinated local strategic plans and implementation strategies for the topic of focus. Selected teams for each CoP will work intensively to determine optimal ways to implement best practices and define success indicators for their respective CoP. Each topic-specific CoP will engage subject-matter experts to work with teams during the implementation process and facilitate peer-to-peer sharing. Through a virtual platform, selected teams will work together to learn and complete their implementation work while, at the same time, share with other jurisdictions.

and receive an array of technical assistance from subject-matter experts across the country.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

School Responder Model Podcast Series: Restorative Approaches

The [National Center for Youth Opportunity and Justice](#) (NCYOJ) at Policy Research has released a podcast series designed to support schools and communities with the implementation of the School Responder Model Framework. This seven-episode series provides a holistic view of what is needed to implement a successful and robust school responder model. Highlighted this month are two episodes from the series on restorative approaches.



Restorative Approaches

Restorative approaches are processes and strategies used in schools, among other organizations, to repair harm and to build or strengthen relationships. In both episodes, NCYOJ's Avery Irons talks with two special guests from New Orleans Accelerated High School (formerly ReNew Accelerated High School) in Louisiana, about these approaches and how they relate to school responder models.

New Orleans Accelerated High School is a public charter high school that serves 250 students who are over-aged and under-credited. Part 1 focuses on their restorative practices implementation and lessons learned. Part 2 highlights the school's implementation goals and challenges, such as reducing racial and ethnic disparities in school discipline and building staff buy-in for restorative practices.

[Listen to Part 1](#)

[Listen to Part 2](#)

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PRI Publishes Research Papers From ARDRAW's Third Cohort

Policy Research, Inc. is pleased to announce the publication of research papers from the third cohort of the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) [Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work \(ARDRAW\) Small Grant Program](#).

The ARDRAW Small Grant Program is a 1-year, \$10,000 stipend program awarded to graduate-level students to conduct supervised, independent research designed to foster new analysis of work, rehabilitation, and disability issues.



Topics explored within the third cohort's research projects include the following:

- Working With Parkinson's Disease: Key Influences, Resources, and Supports for Work-Related Decision-Making and Outcomes
- Self-Determination in Transportation for People With Disabilities
- Comparisons of Drug Use, Workplace Drug Policy, and Utilization of Drug Rehabilitation Services Among Construction Workers and Their Non-Construction Work Counterparts
- Alternative Work Opportunities for Adults Who Have Degenerative Conditions and Implications for Social Security Disability Policy

The full suite of research papers is now available for review and download.

[Access the Research Papers](#)

Applications are now being accepted for the ARDRAW Small Grant Program's fifth cohort! Learn more and apply by February 26, 2020!

[Apply Today](#)

PRA in the News

- [State of Illinois Joins Multi-State Effort to Lower Suicide Rates Among Veterans Through Mental Health Offerings and Preventative Services](#)
- [Advancing Reform: SJC Sites Make Significant Changes to Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Services Funding](#)

- [Research Study to Examine Why Financial Program for Children With Disabilities Is Underutilized](#)

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